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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 198

28 JUNE 1955

1. The following were present:

Mr. D. J. Clinton	State
Mr. R. S. Kain	State
* Mr. N. A. Pelcovits	State
Col. R. S. Smith	Army
* Mr. J. A. Minogue	Army
Capt. H. G. Moore	Navy
LCdr. J. Madden	Navy
Col. J. J. Hausman	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice Chairman)
	CIA (Secretary)

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* In attendance during Committee discussion on segmented NIS Areas.

2. Segmented NIS Areas

The chairman reviewed the progress made at the last two meetings in examining the report of the working committee on segmented NIS Areas. It appears desirable to accord to the subareas the stature of new NIS Areas and to treat them in an across-the-board manner. To do so, however, may require special treatment of certain areas for which there are unique requirements. Examination of the working committee's proposals under Tabs A and B of its report has resulted in general NIS Committee agreement. There still remain a few areas which require further examination.

The State review of the areas included a discussion by the State representative on the requirements for a separate treatment of the Vatican in Chapters IV and V of NIS 17.

The Army representative discussed the areas in terms of certain geographic considerations affecting subarea treatment, including the requirement to handle Chapter II in accordance with subarea delineation.

In reviewing the proposed subareas the Navy member expressed concern that in their development too much weight had been given to the contributor's point of view. He felt that more consideration should be given to developing subareas from the standpoint of the user, who would be confused by any complicated breakdown of NIS Areas. He therefore urged that subareas be limited to those for which there were firm requirements.

The Air Force member agreed with the views of the Navy member. He stated that the Air Force had no special requirements that needed to be considered in developing the subareas.

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The Committee agreed that such areas as the Vatican [REDACTED] require special consideration. They do not lend themselves to across-the-board treatment and are not of a magnitude to require subarea designation, yet they are sufficiently important to justify separate treatment. To satisfy this type of requirement the chairman suggested the possibility of developing a new NIS unit of production, to be called an Annex, along the following lines:

"Consolidated Chapters covering separate entities within a larger NIS Area, such as the Saar within NIS 13, may be separately produced as Annexes to the Introductory Sections of the pertinent Chapters on the larger area. Coverage of special [REDACTED] political institutions, for example, would be produced as the 'Section 50 Annex on [REDACTED]' and identified as '50-X' of NIS 13'. Scheduling and production of such Annexes require the prior review and approval of the NIS Committee."

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The Committee felt that the Annex could appropriately be used to solve the type of problem presented by [REDACTED] the Vatican. The members agreed to make a final examination of all subareas in the light of the new developments brought out in the present discussion, and to determine the final list of segmented areas at the next meeting.

3. Chapter I Schedule for FY-1957

The Committee approved the following Chapter I production schedule for FY-1957, subject to the approval by State of the substitution of Finland for Indochina (refer to paragraph 3 of NCM 196 and paragraph 7 of NCM 192):

NIS 36 - Pakistan	August	1956
NIS 39 - China	September	1956
NIS 19 - Hungary	November	1956
NIS 12 - Finland	December	1956
NIS 27 - Turkey	February	1957
NIS 23 - Bulgaria	March	1957
NIS 5 - Belgium	April	1957
NIS 3 - France	May	1957

Chapter I on Indochina will be produced in FY-1958 and is therefore added to the production forecast set forth in paragraph 7 of NCM No. 192.

[The State member later notified the chairman that State approved the Chapter I production schedule for FY-1957.]

4. NIS Production Schedule for FY-1956

The Committee reviewed the consolidated NIS production schedule for FY-1956 as submitted by the vice chairman and approved it with minor revisions. The vice chairman said that there were 92 sections outstanding as of 28 June, and if any of these were unduly delayed in production beyond the end of the fiscal year they should be rescheduled for FY-1956.

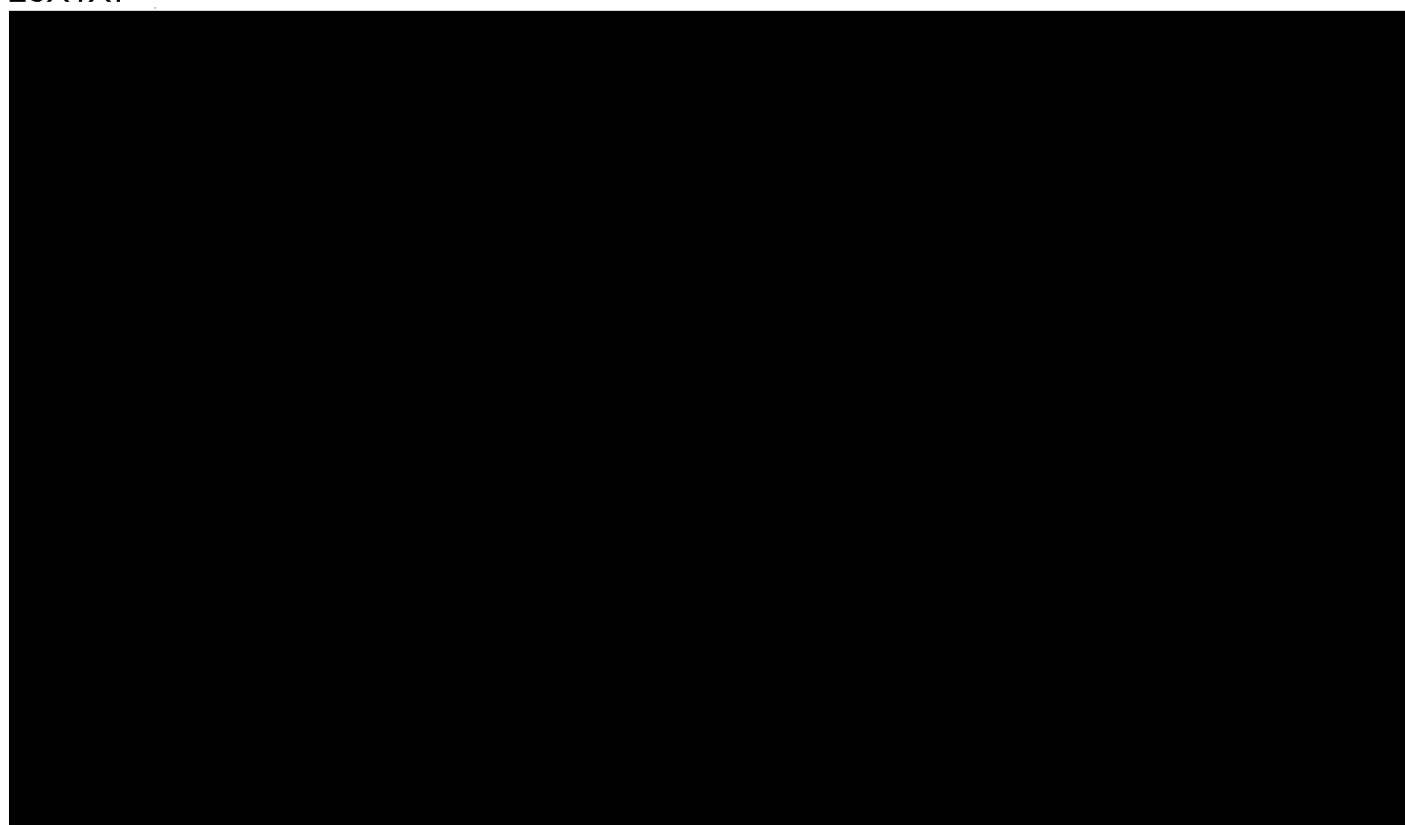
5. "Key Personalities" Unit

The Committee discussed at some length the proposal to integrate the "Key Personalities" unit into the NIS framework (refer to paragraph 6 of NCM 197 and paragraph 5 NCM 196). It was generally held that the consolidated treatment of biographic intelligence, as done in the "Key Personalities" unit, gave a more balanced presentation of considerable value to NIS users. The Navy member suggested that the "Key Personalities" unit might be produced as an NIS Supplement for larger countries involving many biographies. For other NIS Areas the biographical intelligence could be handled within individual sections as has been the practice.

The chairman said that, while this would be a departure from the accepted use of a Supplement, the suggestion should be given consideration as an alternative to integrating biographical intelligence into the NIS as a new Chapter, the choice depending largely on whether consolidated treatment of biographical intelligence should be done on all countries or only on the larger ones. He requested the Committee to examine this matter further before reaching any final decision.

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8. Other Matters

a. The State member distributed copies of a proposal under date of 27 June 1955 to exclude the so-called "Gaza Strip" and incorporate it into Area 53 (Egypt), and to change the NIS base maps accordingly (refer to NCM 139 of 14 October 1952 for parallel Committee decision regarding Jordan). The chairman requested the members to consider the proposal for the next meeting.

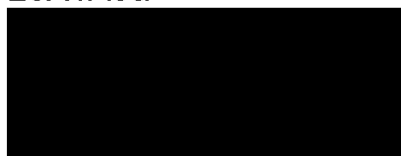
b. The State member requested that more effective implementation be accorded the production responsibility for Section 41 (Population) which is allocated to State (with Army Assistance). He stated that the Military Manpower Section of G-2 had neither acknowledged nor contributed to drafts of Section 41 which State had sent them. The chairman requested the Army member to look into the matter and discuss his findings directly with the State member.

c. The State member reported that Section 43 of NIS 24, which was due on 16 May 1955, will be submitted to CIA this week.

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9. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 12 July 1955.

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